GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:403
ANSWERED ON:24.04.2000
HUNTING OF TIGERS
BHIM PRASAD DAHAL;RASA SINGH RAWAT

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Tiger is game again for trophy-hunters` appearing in the Times of India dated March 11, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken against the persons involved in killings of tigers;

(d) whether hunting of tiger has been banned all over India under Project Tiger Scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS

(SHRI BABULAL MARANDI)

(a),(b),(c),(d), & (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c), (d) & (e)) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 403 FOR 24-04-2 REGARDING `HUNTING OF TIGERS`

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)& (c) As reported by the Madhya Pradesh State Government, the officials of the Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve investigated the case on the basis of photograph that appeared on Star TV on 8.3.2000.Preliminary investigations revealed the identity of one person named Vikram Singh who was posted as Sports Officer at Rewa.Offence was registered under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, and the accused was arrested by Rewa Police on 28.3.2000 and produced before the Magistrate on 29-3-2000. The State Government has handed over the case to CID for further investigation.

(d) & (e) Hunting of Tiger is banned all over the country under Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972. However, hunting of tiger may be permitted by the Competent Authority under very exceptional circumstances like the animal becoming dangerous to human life and property.